



GAMING CLUB FAQS

What is the difference between social gaming and esports?

Social Gaming: Casual gaming for fun and social interaction, often among friends or family, with flexible play and less emphasis on structured competition or skill mastery.

Esports: Competitive gaming with organised tournaments, skill development, and large audiences, focusing on strategy and competition for prizes

What kinds of games are played in esports?

Esports encompass a wide range of video game genres, including but not limited to first-person shooters (FPS), multiplayer online battle arenas (MOBAs), real-time strategy (RTS), sports, fighting games, and more. Some popular esports titles include League of Legends, Valorant, Fortnite, Rocket League, Minecraft and Overwatch, Gran Turismo and F1 racing

Are there age restrictions for participating in Gaming Clubs?

Brisbane SDE gaming club uses the Australian Game Classifications to inform decisions for which games are to be offered to suitable age groups.

Junior Club (Years 5+) plays G and PG rated games only, while the Senior Club (Years 9+) is also open to M rated games. Guardians must also sign a permission form for students to join these clubs which states that they understand the nature of the games students will be playing.

What family safety measures are recommended to keep my student safe in online gaming sessions?

Each game has their own family safety measures to support parents and students. Below are some helpful sites that will give you more information on setting up students accounts safely for the age of your student.

Discord (Senior Club Only): <https://www.lifewire.com/discord-parental-controls-7629492>

Epic Games (Rocket League, Fortnite) : <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>

Riot Games (Valorant, League of Legends): <https://support-leagueoflegends.riotgames.com/hc/en-us/articles/20590570974483-Parents-of-Underage-Players-FAQ-and-Contact>

Battle.net (Overwatch 2): <https://parental-control.flashget.com/blizzard-parental-controls>

Steam (Various Games): <https://help.steampowered.com/en/faqs/view/6B1A-66BE-E911-3D98>

Minecraft Edu: Managed through school accounts.

What equipment do students need to join?

Students are welcome to play on whatever equipment they have available. However, some games are only available on certain platforms.

Minecraft Edu: Windows PCs, Macs, iPads, Chromebooks, and gaming consoles like Xbox and PlayStation.

Rocket League: PC (Windows, macOS, Linux), Tablet (Ipad and Android), PlayStation, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch

Mario Kart 8, Super Smash Bros: Nintendo Switch

Overwatch 2: PC (Windows), PlayStation, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch

Fortnite: PC (Windows), PlayStation, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch

Valorant: PC (Windows)

League of Legends: PC (Windows)

How do players or teams compete in esports tournaments?

Joining an esports team is a great way for Brisbane SDE students to learn collaboration skills, get to know peers and build a sense of belonging. Teams train together regularly using data analysis, strategy and teamwork.

Players or teams typically compete in organised tournaments or leagues either online or at physical venues. These competitions can range from small local events to large-scale national tournaments with significant prize pools.

Further information about these tournaments will be shared in the regular gaming times and the gaming club servers.

Are there educational or career opportunities in esports?

Yes, there are educational and career opportunities in various aspects of the esports industry, including esports management, event production, marketing, broadcasting, journalism, coaching, and game development. Many universities now offer esports-related programs and scholarships.

Are esports players considered athletes?

While the physical demands of esports may not be equivalent to traditional sports, many people argue that the mental and strategic skills required for competitive gaming are comparable to those needed in traditional sports. Whether esports players are considered athletes varies depending on individual perspectives and definitions.

Where can I watch esports tournaments?

Esports tournaments are often streamed live on platforms like Twitch, YouTube Gaming, and specialized esports streaming services. Additionally, some tournaments may be broadcast on television or available for viewing through esports organizations' websites or apps.